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State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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May 26, 1992

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 978 840

Mr. LaMar Bluth Judco Mining Company 777 South 400 East, #22 St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Mr. Bluth:

Re: Notice of Intent to Commence Mining Operations, Judco Mining Company, Christie Mill Tailings Heap Leach Site, S/053/006, Washington County, Utah

This letter is sent to acknowledge our receipt of your 1991 annual report for activities conducted at the Christie Mill Tailings Heap Leach site. Information provided on the report form was quite brief. However, you did indicate that there was no mining-related activities conducted on the site during 1991. Under the section II, item #8 (summary of mining and/or reclamation planned for 1992), you list, "cyanide pad". It is unclear if your intentions are to reclaim the leach pad or reinitiate leaching activities at the site? We would appreciate receiving a clarification from you in this regard.

On February 4, 1992, following a joint State and Federal mine site inspection of the adjacent 5M Silver Reef mine site, agency personnel took the opportunity to confirm the inactive status of your heap leach facility. It was obvious that recent regrading and mining-related activities had been conducted within the leaching/processing area (refer to enclosed inspection memo for details). Because of the physical changes that have occurred inside and immediately adjacent to the fenced heap leach pad and processing area, this mine site is now considered re-activated.

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By letter dated March 1, 1990 (copy enclosed), you were advised of the Division's permitting requirements. You were also informed that prior to any reactivation of this site, a complete small mine permit application would need to be filed with this office. Another small mining operations application form is enclosed for your use. We request that this application be completed and returned to this Division within 14 days of your receipt of this letter. No further mining-related activities are permitted to occur on this site until we review this form and notify you of its completeness.

Your failure to properly permit this reactivated mine/mill site will require that the State pursue all lawful actions necessary to insure that the operation is brought into compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. Please contact me or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff should you have questions in this regard or require assistance in completing the enclosed form. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton

Associate Director, Mining

jb Enclosures

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